

best describe how he was always willing to give of himself to help others, never asking or expecting recognition for his selfless acts. Not only did he regularly volunteer for Labor causes and programs, but he often made time to help programs for the disadvantaged and other charitable causes.

Perhaps one of Louis' greatest accomplishments for the Labor movement was the revival of the Upper Peninsula Labor Day picnic, parade and program in the early 1990s. Louis is widely recognized as the driving force that helped to reinvigorate this annual celebration, which means so much to the working men and women of the U.P.

After a lifetime of hard work, Louis Fine passed away in 2003. He is survived by his loving wife of many years, Betty.

Madam Speaker, one of the titans of the American Labor movement, the head of the American Federation of Labor Samuel Gompers once called Labor Day, "[T]he day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed . . . that the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor fore a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders in marching phalanx and feel the stronger for it.

Every year, as the working men and women of the U.P. march shoulder to shoulder, we remember and honor the sacrifices of our predecessors in the Labor movement. Henceforth, every Labor Day, as we remember our ancestors of the Labor movement, the working men and women of the U.P. will remember Mr. Louis Fine for bringing back the hallowed tradition of the annual U.P. Labor Day picnic and parade.

Madam Speaker, since 1993, outstanding labor leaders in northern Michigan have been honored with induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is housed in the Superior Dome on the campus of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Louis Fine is a deserving addition to this august group and, I salute his memory. I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing his many contributions to the Upper Peninsula Labor movement, his dedication to all working men and women, and his commitment to the Marquette and Upper Peninsula community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PARENTS' EMPOWERMENT ACT

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing a bill that is of extreme importance to our nation's parents and the future protection of their children: the Parents' Empowerment Act. As we all know, millions of children access the Internet and other interactive entertainment products each and every day. As this number increases, more and more of our nation's children are unexpectedly and tragically exposed to pornography and other indecent material. According to a study by Grunwald and Associates, 25 percent of American children have had at least one unwanted experience with on-line pornography.

The Department of Justice, until the past few years, has not been prosecuting obscenity and child pornography cases.

The Parents' Empowerment Act is very simple. It allows the parent or legal guardian of a minor to sue, in a district court, any person who knowingly sells or distributes a product that contains material that is harmful to minors that:

1. A reasonable person would expect a substantial number of minors be exposed to the material and;

2. As a result of exposure to such material, the minor in question suffers personal injury, or injury to their mental or moral welfare.

If the minor is the prevailing party, they will be awarded a minimum of \$10,000 for each instance of damaging material. In addition, the court can order the minor's attorney fees to be covered and punitive damages to be awarded.

This bill establishes a new and appropriate test for what is obscene for a minor. Currently, the United States Supreme Court utilizes the "Miller Test" to determine if material can be labeled obscene and not protected by the First Amendment. The Parents' Empowerment Act builds upon the same test, but, in the case of minors, modifies the "third prong" of the test by requiring any material to "lack serious literary, artistic, political and scientific value for minors sufficient to overcome the pernicious effect of that material." In other words, what is obscene for an adult is entirely different than what should be considered obscene for a minor and, as a result, should be treated as such.

Madam Speaker, this legislation is a step in the right direction in providing parents with the resources they need for what is their number one priority, protecting their kids. I am proud to once again introduce the Parents' Empowerment Act and request my colleagues give this important legislation their utmost consideration.

MEXICAN TRUCKS ON AMERICAN ROADS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Congressman TIM RYAN and others for organizing a special order to discuss the dangers of allowing Mexican trucks on American roads.

I rise today because I am concerned that allowing Mexican trucks open access to American roads will threaten American wages and the safety on our highways.

There is no question that foreign competition from lower paid Mexican drivers will compromise the hard and dedicated fight by American workers.

American workers deserve fair wages for their hard work and Mexican workers should not be exploited either.

There are concerns about safety including whether Mexican trucks are safe and what allowing them on U.S. highways would do.

There is no question that road safety and vehicle standards in Mexico are not the same as what we require in the United States of America.

I believe that both the United States and Mexico should have a strong and healthy

workforce but the U.S. worker should not be the compromise.

Let us protect the American worker and not compromise the safety and well-being of our children and families.

HONORING THE TOP DOG ALUMNI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all of the Top Dog Award recipients from California State University, Fresno.

The Top Dog Awards is a great tradition for CSU Fresno. It allows the University to honor alumni that continue to give back to the University. There are three award categories; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Outstanding Alumni Awards and the Arthur Safstrom Service Award.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor given to an alumna of the University. The award is based on scholarship, leadership and service to CSU Fresno, the San Joaquin Valley and the State of California. It has been established to provide special recognition to an individual who has distinguished themselves through outstanding achievement during their post-collegiate career. The University President and the Alumni Association present the award.

For 2007 the Distinguished Alumnus Award is being awarded to Larry Dickenson, class of 1965. Mr. Dickenson is Boeing Company's Commercial Airplanes Group Senior Vice President of Sales. He was raised in Bakersfield, California and graduated from CSU Fresno with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. From there he has worked with McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Texas Air Corporation and began his career with Boeing in 1986 as the Vice President of Asia/Pacific for the Commercial Airplanes Group. Mr. Dickenson has won major contracts that have helped to assure the launch of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner passenger aircraft. He also helped Boeing consolidate sales of cargo jets in the Pacific Rim market and interest airlines in the company's more efficient new 747-8 jumbo jetliners. Mr. Dickenson was named as one of "World Trade's 25 Most Influential U.S. Global Visionaries" in the June 1997 issue of World Trade magazine, and was featured in Investor's Business Daily in the "Leaders and Success" column. With all of this success, Mr. Dickenson still finds the time to be active in service to CSU Fresno by serving on several boards, including the National Board of Visitors.

The Outstanding Alumni Awards recognizes a CSU Fresno alumna for outstanding accomplishments in their field and to present such alumni to current CSU Fresno students as examples of exceptional achievement. The Alumni Association works in conjunction with the deans of CSU Fresno's eight schools/colleges, as well as the dean of student affairs and the athletic director to identify and select candidates for the awards.

This year there are fourteen Outstanding Alumni Awards from the various schools, colleges and divisions. The honorees are:

Rod Kraft (class of 1977) from the Athletics Department, football. Mr. Kraft is a family and